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[REDACTED], RECENT AGGRESSIVE INVESTIGATIVE ACTION BY THE CHILEAN SUPREME COURT INTO SEVERAL CASES OF MISSING PERSONS HAS CAUSED A CESSATION OF DETENTIONS OF COMMUNISTS AND OTHER SUBVERSIVES BY THE CIFA SERVICES. AS WELL AS A RETRENCHING OF THEIR ACTIVITY AGAINST THESE TARGETS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COMMENT: CIFA IS COMPOSED OF THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES OF THE NAVY (SIN), AIR FORCE (SIFA) AND CARABINEROS (DICAR).)

2. THE SUPREME COURT'S ACTIONS WERE PROMPTED BY THE CASE OF CARLOS C O N T R E R A S MALUJE, A CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST 1.5 (C) YOUTH (JJCC) . ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INSTEAD, HE ATTEMPTED TO MAKE A PUBLIC SCENE AND DIRECT ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT HE WAS A PRISONER OF THE GOVERNMENT BY SHOUTING THAT AGENTS OF THE DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE (DINA) WERE AFTER HIM. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN THE ENSUING CONFUSION, HE WAS HIT BY A BUS, TAKEN AWAY BY THE CIFA TEAM, TURNED BACK TO SIN AND DIED WHILE IN CUSTODY. [REDACTED] COMMENT: CONTRERAS HAS DETAINED ON 3 NOVEMBER 1976

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AFTER A BIZARRE STREET SCENE IN WHICH HE WAS THROWN INTO A CAR, JUMPED OUT THE OTHER SIDE AND WAS HIT BY A BUS IN FRONT OF A NUMBER OF WITNESSES INCLUDING A CARABINERO PATROLMAN AND SUBSEQUENTLY TAKEN OFF BY HIS CAPTORS. THE SUPREME COURT RULED ON 31 JANUARY 1977 THAT THE EVIDENCE WAS SO OVERWHELMING THAT HE HAD BEEN ILLEGALLY DETAINED THAT IT ISSUED A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS, THE FIRST FOR A MISSING PERSON SINCE THE MILITARY TOOK POWER IN SEPTEMBER 1973.)

3. SINCE THE CONTRERAS CASE, THE SUPREME COURT HAS INCREASED ITS PRESSURE ON THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT SIN, SIFA AND DICAR HAVE ALSO PLACED MANY OF THEIR INFORMANTS ON ICE. () COMMENT: IS NOT KNOWN HOW THE PRESSURE HAS AFFECTED ARMY INTELLIGENCE (DINE), WHICH HAS ALSO BEEN VERY ACTIVE AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS. ALL ACTIVITIES BY SIN, SIFA AND DICAR WILL PROBABLY REMAIN FROZEN UNTIL THE PRESSURE HAS BEEN ALLEVIATED.)

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